

## **Regional ARARs and LDR Contacts**



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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Regional ARARs and LDR Contacts

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Purpose:

The purpose of this memo is to draw your attention to valuable resources in the Regions on applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) policy and on RCRA Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR).

Background:

As you may know, each Region has designated an ARARs contact person(s) who is responsible for funneling ARARs-related information of various kinds to Regional staff (see attached list). My staff works with these Regional representatives to transmit information and policy developments on ARARs and to identify problems and questions on ARARs the Regions are facing. The Regional ARARs contacts are developing expertise on ARARs and should be a useful resource for Regional staff.

The Regional ARARs contacts, for example, were participants in the pilot CERCLA Compliance With Other Laws Workshop and are supporting ARARs training sessions in their Region. The ARARs contacts have been participating in the monthly ARARs conference calls instituted by the Policy and Analysis Staff (PAS) in October, through which they are receiving and contributing up-to-date information on ARARs-related issues and activities. We are pleased that some Regional ARARs contacts have also taken an active role in ARARs policy development in conjunction with Headquarters staff. We appreciate their involvement because it provides us with a valuable perspective.

The development of a Headquarters-Regional "network" on ARARs is one of several initiatives undertaken in the past year to provide information on implementing the provision in Section 121(d) of SARA that our remedies comply with ARARs. We have also developed and made available Part I of the CERCLA Compliance with Other Laws Manual, which discusses general policy, and RCRA and water ARARs, and are conducting training in each Region on the information and policies discussed in the Manual. These efforts are being made to ensure that Regional personnel understand ARARs and -- most importantly -- follow consistent policies in implementing the statutory requirement to comply with other laws.

Finally, specific Regional staff are also developing expertise in perhaps the most significant -- and most complicated -- ARAR for Superfund, the RCRA Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR), through participation on the workgroup for guidance on CERCLA compliance with LDR. Like the ARARs contacts, these Regional people are valuable resources for information and current policies, and will serve as conduits between Headquarters and Regional offices on RCRA LDR developments.

Objective:

This memo is to make you aware of the role that the ARARs and LDR contacts are playing in your Region.

Implementation:

Please support our effort to strengthen the on-going communication links and inform the appropriate Regional staff of these resources.

Attachments

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